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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 9 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Announcement

A formal meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m., in the Security Council Chamber, to consider the agenda item entitled "Maintenance of peace and security and post-conflict peace-building". The list of speakers is open for inscriptions. Interested delegations may contact the Secretariat at telephone no. (212) 963-5257 or Room S-3520D.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 84th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/108) [17 (g)]

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan: the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/346, A/53/455, A/53/695)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

3 p.m. 85th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/53/615) [100]

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/53/616) [101]

3. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/53/617) [102]

4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/53/618) [103]

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]:

   (a) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/619)

   (b) Amendment (A/53/L.69)

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/620) [105]

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/53/621) [106]

8. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/53/622) [107]

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]:

   (a) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/623)

   (b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/727)

10. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/53/624) [109]

11. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625) [110]:

   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments:

      (i) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.1)

      (ii) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/728)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms:

(i) Report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.2)

(ii) Amendment (A/53/L.70)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.3)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.4)

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/53/625/Add.5)

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/53/614) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/52/520, A/52/891, A/C.5/52/47, A/C.5/53/12, A/C.5/53/13 and A/53/651)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/520, A/52/784, A/C.5/52/48, A/C.5/53/14, A/C.5/53/15 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/53/659))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1))

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867 and A/53/508) and Results-based budgeting (A/53/500 and Add.1 and A/53/655))

9.30 p.m.-12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4, A/C.5/53/27 and A/53/688))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Meeting with the Board of Auditors

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be meetings of the Focus Group of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters *today*, 9 December 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Allocation of Seats for the World Food Programme Executive Board, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), *today*, 9 December 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 9 December 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(on Third Committee matters)

11 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be an informal meeting of the Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Programme on the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights *today*, 9 December 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian Regional Group of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund *today*, 9 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review developments in 1998, the election of the President of the Executive Board and other matters.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 2 December 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 10 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	86th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall and Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	87th PLENARY MEETING	Conference Room 4
9.30 p.m.	88th PLENARY MEETING	Conference Room 4

Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: draft resolution (A/53/L.67) [46 (a)]*

* See list of speakers below.

List of speakers for the commemoration

1. Algeria
2. Canada
3. United States
4. United Kingdom (The Rt. Hon. Clare Short, MP, Secretary of State for International Development)
5. Norway (H.E. Ms. Hilde Frafjord Johnson, Minister for International Development and Human Rights)
6. Japan
7. Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
8. New Zealand
9. Kyrgyzstan
10. Mexico (H.E. Carmen Moreno de Del Cueto, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs)
11. Syrian Arab Republic
12. Jordan
13. Australia
14. Andorra
15. Palestine[§]
16. Oman
17. Benin
18. Mozambique
19. Monaco
20. Iceland
21. Botswana
22. Tunisia
23. Mongolia
24. Singapore
25. Argentina
26. Brazil
27. Croatia
28. Nigeria
29. Cuba
30. Ecuador
31. Chile
32. Thailand (H.E. M.R. Sukhumband Paribatra, Deputy Foreign Minister)
33. Colombia
34. Peru
35. China
36. Romania
37. Lithuania (H.E. Mr. Vytautas Pakalniskis, Minister of Justice)
38. Malta

39. Costa Rica
40. Pakistan
41. Uganda
42. Venezuela (H.E. Mr. Asdrubal Aguiar, Minister of Interior)
43. Ukraine
44. Liechtenstein
45. Bangladesh
46. India
47. Egypt
48. Belarus
49. Guyana
50. United Arab Emirates
51. El Salvador
52. Malaysia
53. Kazakhstan
54. Paraguay
55. Uruguay
56. Lebanon
57. Burkina Faso
58. Poland (H.E. Mr. Janusz Stańczyk, Deputy Foreign Minister)
59. Germany
60. Senegal
61. Solomon Islands
62. South Africa
63. Turkey
64. Philippines
65. Georgia
66. Republic of Korea
67. Morocco
68. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
69. Côte d'Ivoire
70. Israel
71. Islamic Republic of Iran
72. Namibia
73. Yemen
74. Cyprus
75. Czech Republic
76. Myanmar
77. Hungary
78. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
79. Republic of Moldova
80. Russian Federation
81. Sri Lanka
82. Viet Nam
83. Bahrain
84. Cameroon
85. Armenia
86. Latvia
87. Samoa
88. Haiti
89. Azerbaijan
90. Honduras
91. Bulgaria
92. Indonesia
93. Fiji
94. United Republic of Tanzania
95. Liberia
96. Lesotho
97. Niger
98. Dominican Republic
99. Guatemala

100. Italy
101. Jamaica
102. Maldives
103. Qatar
104. Panama
105. Mali
106. Eritrea
107. Lao People's Democratic Republic
108. Uzbekistan
109. Democratic Republic of the Congo
110. Gabon
111. Mauritania
112. Mauritius
113. Sudan
114. Ethiopia
115. Swaziland

1. International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Dr. Astrid Heiberg President)
2. Switzerland
3. Holy See
4. International Committee of the Red Cross
5. Latin American Parliament (Mr. Juan Adolfo Singer, MP, President)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 42nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Friday, 11 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The thirty-third session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Thursday, 10 December 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

The Committee will also hold an informal meeting with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations on Friday, 11 December (time and place to be announced).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session meeting

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (19-22 and 25 January 1999) will take place on Tuesday, 5 January 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 1999

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 19 to 22 and 25 January 1999 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/1999/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 14 January 1999.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will take place over the whole day on Friday, 11 December 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan).

The meeting will be devoted to the Year 2000 Issue. It will focus on international cooperation, contingency planning for priority sectors and crisis management.

National Y2K Coordinators from all Member States have been invited. In order to help the developing countries and countries in transition ensure their participation, limited funding to cover costs of travel and stay has been made available by the Trust Fund of the World Bank on a first-come-first-served basis. All delegations are invited to participate.

Permanent missions must ensure that standard delegation passes are obtained and other logistic arrangements are made for their participating representatives.

Further information can be requested from the Information Technology Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat (Mr. Eduardo Blinder (tel.: 212-963-8194, fax: 212-963-0952, e-mail: blinder@un.org)).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meetings

There will be a short open-ended meeting on Thursday, 10 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D, to consider a final document for the National Y2K Coordinators meeting called by the Working Group on Informatics. All delegations are invited to attend

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There will be a meeting of the group of interested States established in pursuance of operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Monday 14 December 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C. The meeting will hear briefings on the "Training for trainers" seminar held in Yaoundé (27-31 July 1998), the workshop on "Weapons collection and integration of former combatants in Central America" held in Guatemala (18-20 November1998) and the implementation of the Pilot Project on Weapons Collection in Albania. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Informal presentation

A presentation on "Science for the Sustainability Transition", organized by the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will be given by Professor William Clark, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, on Friday, 11 December 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The Interim Steering Committee of the Millennium NGO Forum will hold a meeting on the theme "Process, Structure and Content of the Proposed Millennium NGO Forum" on Thursday, 17 December 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Representatives of all non-governmental organizations, as well as interested members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff, are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 7 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

81st plenary meeting

Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [160]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/574 and Corr.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.43/Rev.1)

The representative of Pakistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.43/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77), Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Singapore, India, Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic, Senegal, Lesotho, Japan, the United States, Chile and Panama.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.43/Rev.1 (resolution 53/86).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 160.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/707) [17 (a)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/53/707), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Nazareth A. Incera, Ahmad Kamal, Rajat Saha, Nicholas A. Thorne, Fumiaki Toya and Gian Luigi Valenza.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/708) [17 (b)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 its report (A/53/708), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Pieter Johannes Bierma, Paul Ekorong A Ndong, Neil Hewitt Francis and Henry Hanson-Hall.

The Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of the same report, appointed: Sergio Chaparro Ruiz from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000; Bernardo Greiver from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001; Eduardo Iglesias from 1 January to 31 December 1999, and from 1 January to 31 December 2001.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/709) [17 (c)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/709), appointed the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/710) [17 (d)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/710), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Yves Oltramare, Emmanuel Noi Omaboe and Jürgen Reimnitz.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/711) [17 (e)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/711), appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Kevin Haugh and Deborah Taylor Ashford.

(f) International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/712) [17 (f)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/712), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor, Turkia Daddah, Wolfgang Stöckl, Carlos S. Vegega and Eugeniusz Wyzner.

The Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in the same paragraph, also designated Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor as Chairman, and Carlos S. Vegega as Vice-Chairman, of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/53/L.62) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/53/L.59) [20 (a)]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.33/Rev.2, A/53/L.44, A/53/L.63) [20 (b)]

(c) *Assistance to the Palestinian people* [20 (d)]:

(i) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.54/Rev.1, A/53/L.56);

(ii) Draft decision (A/53/L.65)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 20.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/53/L.62 and A/53/L.54/Rev.1.

The representative of Sweden made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.59.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.63.

The representative of Morocco made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.33/Rev.2.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.44.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft decision A/53/L.65 and informed the Assembly that the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/53/L.56 had withdrawn the draft resolution.

In connection with draft resolution A/53/L.63 and draft decision A/53/L.65, the General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of its rules of procedure.

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/53/L.62, A/53/L.59 and A/53/L.54/Rev.1 (resolutions 53/87, 53/88 and 53/89) and draft resolutions A/53/L.33/Rev.2, A/53/L.44 and A/53/L.63 (resolutions 53/1 J to L).

By 131 votes to 4, with 0 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft decision A/53/L.65.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representative of the Russian Federation and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Assembly decided to concluded its consideration of agenda items 20 (a) and (d).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20 (b).

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: draft resolution (A/53/L.39/Rev.1) [24]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 24.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/53/L.39/Rev.1.

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.39/Rev.1, as orally corrected (resolution 53/90).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 24.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: draft resolution (A/53/L.21/Rev.1) [35]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 35.

The representative of Burkina Faso made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.21/Rev.1.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.21/Rev.1 (resolution 53/91).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 35.

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft resolution (A/53/L.40/Rev.1) [164]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 164.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced, and orally corrected, draft resolution A/53/L.40/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.40/Rev.1 as orally corrected (resolution 53/92).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 164.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

(b) Reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/698, A/53/699)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 44.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/53/L.20 and A/53/L.22/Rev.2 (resolutions 53/93 and 53/94).

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 44.

Programme of work

The President informed the Assembly that agenda item 17 (g) (Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences) scheduled for that afternoon and agenda item 57 (Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte) scheduled for the following day would be taken up at a later date.

Tuesday, 8 December 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3952nd meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

Report of the Secretary-General (S/1998/1109)

Letter dated 23 November 1998 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/1139)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/1140, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/1140).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, Costa Rica, Japan, China, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, Sweden, France, the Gambia, Portugal, Kenya, Brazil, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Bahrain.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/1140) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1214 (1998).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

82nd plenary meeting

Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [52]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 52.

Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [53]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 53.

Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [54]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 54.

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [55]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 55.

Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [56]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 56.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/53/L.31, A/53/L.64) [20 (b)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 20 (b).

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.64.

The representative of Mauritania made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.31.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/53/L.31 and A/53/L.64 (resolutions 53/1 M and 53/1 N).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20 (b).

The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [43]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/564)

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.57)

(c) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/732)

The representative of Venezuela made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.57.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Dominican Republic, Canada, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Haiti.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.57 (resolution 53/95).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 43.

83rd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 83rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No 1998/237).

Committees

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United Nations pension system [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.15.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Canada.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee also decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it approve draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.15, the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, as indicated in paragraph 15 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/53/3), would be reduced by $625,400.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

First performance report (A/53/693 and A/53/7/Add.8)

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, the United States, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Cuba and Austria (on behalf of the European Union).

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin the same day, Tuesday, 8 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System (A/53/573, A/53/662 and A/53/7/Add.7)

The Chairman made a statement regarding the outstanding report requested in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 52/227.

A statement was made by the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Norway).

Statements on the procedural aspects of the consideration of the question were made by the representatives of Uganda, Cuba and Pakistan.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services responded to a question posed.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to adjourn the general discussion of this question at this stage and to return to this matter at a later meeting.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/53/16 (Chapter II), A/53/220 and A/53/718 and Corr.1)

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, the Russian Federation, China and Bangladesh.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin the same day, Tuesday, 8 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Niue (8 December 1998)

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Greece (7 December 1998)*

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Signature: Madagascar (8 December 1998)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Kyrgyzstan (8 December 1998)

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Greece (7 December 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events on the occasion of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at United Nations Headquarters

[All events are open to delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media. In-house television will provide live coverage of the events during the day.]

9 December 1998

Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the United Nations, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium *today*, 9 December 1998

Screening of each film at 6 p.m., each followed by a panel discussion

10 December 1998

9 a.m. to 9.40 a.m. Video conference between H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

11.15 a.m. Press conference of the Human Rights Prize winners [Open to the media only]

11.45 a.m. Opening of the UNICEF exhibit, entitled "Child Rights: A New Era for Children", by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts (Main gallery of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

12.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "For Everyone, Everywhere" (English, 30 minutes). Panel discussion to follow (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

1.05 p.m. Opening of the DPI Human Rights Exhibit by the Secretary-General, with the President of the General Assembly, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Human Rights Prize winners (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

1.15 p.m. Screening of the DPI documentary film on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, entitled "Tous les êtres humains..." (French, 30 minutes) (Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium)

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. UNICEF, UNHCR and Amnesty International presentation on the theme "For the Worldwide Right to Asylum", hosted by Ms. Vanessa Redgrave, UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts, with statements by senior United Nations officials, human rights advocates and artists (Conference Room 1)

5.30 p.m. Presentation of children's passport version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Secretary-General by three United Nations Messengers of Peace: Anna Cataldi, Michael Douglas and Luciano Pavarotti (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

6.30 p.m. Special event, including an introduction of the Human Rights Prize winners and the presenta-tion of the Human Rights Website of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 250 languages, co-sponsored by the Republic of San Marino, the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and the Department of Public Information (DPI), followed by a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of San Marino (Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building)

8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Recital by Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis (General Assembly Hall). *Tickets to be issued.* Doors to open at 7.15 p.m.

[*Note:* There will be a simultaneous broadcast of the recital in the Economic and Social Council Chamber for delegates, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the mecia without tickets but with valid United Nations ground passes.

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